

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 68-75 are pending in this application. No claims have been amended or cancelled by this response.

II. Objections to Specification and Claims

A. Reference to Continuing Data

In response to the Examiner's suggestion, Applicants have amended the specification to reflect the fact that this application is a divisional of U.S. Patent 6,379,397.

B. Non-Elected Subject Matter

The Examiner states that the objection to claims 68-75 would be overcome if the claims were limited to the elected subject matter identified at pages 2-4 of the Office Action. In response, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner expand her search, as is her duty, because prior art was apparently not found for the elected subject matter.

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III. Conclusion

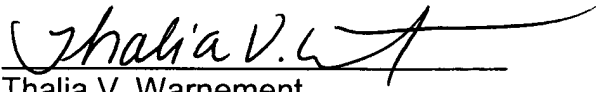
In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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